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Israeli occupying forces committed yet another war crime in its continuous campaign of war crimes, State terrorism and systematic human rights violations against the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem. Today, Israeli occupying forces killed 13 Palestinians and injured 110, at least 25 of whom are in critical condition.

In the early morning hours (Palestine time) of today, Israeli tanks supported by helicopter gunships, invaded the town of Khan Yunis. The Israeli occupying forces shelled several neighbourhoods in the town, shot at the inhabitants and at some point fired a missile upon a large crowd in the neighbourhood of Al-Amal. Israeli criminal and terrorist behaviour continued even to the point where Israeli troops opened fire at a Khan Yunis Hospital where the injured were being treated.

The above-mentioned wilful killings of civilians has proven to be a pattern of behaviour by Israeli occupying forces. The international community has the duty not only to bring an immediate end to such criminal illegal actions being carried out by Israel, the occupying power, against the Palestinian people, but also a duty to bring those responsible to international justice.

I have also to inform you of acts of terror committed by illegal Israeli settlers against the Palestinian people. Yesterday, those criminals killed a Palestinian civilian, and injured another, while they were trying to harvest olives around the village of Aqraba near the city of Nablus. Also yesterday, an 18-year-old Palestinian civilian was killed when Israeli soldiers opened fire from a tank in the city of Jenin, in what has become yet another criminal pattern of tanks facing Palestinian civilians and soldiers firing at civilians and stone-throwing children.

We, once more, call on the Security Council to take all necessary measures to end all Israeli war crimes, State terrorism and systematic human rights violations committed against the Palestinian people, beginning with measures to ensure the full

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implementation of Security Council resolution 1435 (2002). It is also increasingly apparent that the Council has also to take measures for the protection of the Palestinian people, at least in the form of international observers, to prevent further bloodshed and deterioration of the situation.

In follow-up to my previous 140 letters to you regarding the ongoing crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, dated from 29 September 2000 to 2 October 2002 (A/55/432-S/2000/921; A/55/437-S/2000/930; A/55/450-S/2000/957; A/55/466-S/2000/971; A/55/474-S/2000/984; A/55/490-S/2000/993; A/ES-10/39-S/2000/1015; A/ES-10/40-S/2000/1025; A/ES-10/42-S/2000/1068; A/ES-10/43-S/2000/1078; A/ES-10/44-S/2000/1093; A/ES-10/45-S/2000/1104; A/ES-10/46-S/2000/1107; A/ES-10/47-S/2000/1116; A/ES-10/48-S/2000/1129; A/ES-10/49-S/2000/1154; A/ES-10/50-S/2000/1173; A/ES-10/51-S/2000/1185; A/ES-10/52-S/2000/1206; A/ES-10/53-S/2000/1247; A/ES-10/54-S/2001/7; A/ES-10/55-S/2001/33; A/ES-10/56-S/2001/50; A/ES-10/57-S/2001/101; A/ES-10/58-S/2001/131; A/ES-10/59-S/2001/156; A/ES-10/60-S/2001/175; A/ES-10/61-S/2001/189; A/ES-10/64-S/2001/209; A/ES-10/65-S/2001/226; A/ES-10/66-S/2001/239; A/ES-10/67-S/2001/255; A/ES-10/68-S/2001/284; A/ES-10/69-S/2001/295; A/ES-10/70-S/2001/304; A/ES-10/71-S/2001/314; A/ES-10/72-S/2001/332; A/ES-10/75-S/2001/352; A/ES-10/76-S/2001/372; A/ES-10/79-S/2001/418; A/ES-10/80-S/2001/432; A/ES-10/81-S/2001/447; A/ES-10/82-S/2001/463; A/ES-10/83-S/2001/471; A/ES-10/84-S/2001/479; A/ES-10/85-S/2001/486; A/ES-10/86-S/2001/496; A/ES-10/87-S/2001/504; A/ES-10/88-S/2001/508; A/ES-10/89-S/2001/544; A/ES-10/90-S/2001/586; A/ES-10/91-S/2001/605; A/ES-10/92-S/2001/629; A/ES-10/93-S/2001/657; A/ES-10/94-S/2001/669; A/ES-10/95-S/2001/686; A/ES-10/96-S/2001/697; A/ES-10/97-S/2001/708; A/ES-10/98-S/2001/717; A/ES-10/99-S/2001/742; A/ES-10/100-S/2001/754; A/ES-10/101-S/2001/783; A/ES-10/102-S/2001/785; A/ES-10/103-S/2001/798; A/ES-10/104-S/2001/812; A/ES-10/105-S/2001/814; A/ES-10/107-S/2001/821; A/ES-10/108-S/2001/826; A/ES-10/111-S/2001/880; A/ES-10/112-S/2001/918; A/ES-10/114-S/2001/928; A/ES-10/115-S/2001/932; A/ES-10/116-S/2001/941; A/ES-10/117-S/2001/971; A/ES-10/118-S/2001/989; A/ES-10/119-S/2001/991; A/ES-10/121-S/2001/1007; A/ES-10/122-S/2001/1024; A/ES-10/123-S/2001/1036; A/ES-10/124-S/2001/1084; A/ES-10/125-S/2001/1092; A/ES-10/126-S/2001/1118; A/ES-10/128-S/2001/1149; A/ES-10/129-S/2001/1166; A/ES-10/133-S/2001/1239; A/ES-10/134-S/2001/1261; A/ES-10/136-S/2002/18; A/ES-10/137-S/2002/39; A/ES-10/138-S/2002/48; A/ES-10/139-S/2002/58; A/ES-10/140-S/2002/89; A/ES-10/141-S/2002/95; A/ES-10/142-S/2002/102; A/ES-10/143-S/2002/121; A/ES-10/144-S/2002/142; A/ES-10/145-S/2002/146; A/ES-10/146-S/2002/165; A/ES-10/147-S/2002/175; A/ES-10/148-S/2002/182; A/ES-10/149-S/2002/186; A/ES-10/150-S/2002/214; A/ES-10/151-S/2002/223; A/ES-10/152-S/2002/232; A/ES-10/154-S/2002/242; A/ES-10/155-S/2002/248; A/ES-10/156-S/2002/245; A/ES-10/157-S/2002/253; A/ES-10/158-S/2002/258; A/ES-10/159-S/2002/281; A/ES-10/160-S/2002/307; A/ES-10/161-S/2002/319; A/ES-10/162-S/2002/330; A/ES-10/163-S/2002/340; A/ES-10/164-S/2002/353; A/ES-10/165-S/2002/361; A/ES-10/166-S/2002/370; A/ES-10/167-S/2002/433; A/ES-10/168-S/2002/474; A/ES-10/169-S/2002/495; A/ES-10/173-S/2002/536; A/ES-10/174-S/2002/555; A/ES-10/175-S/2002/610; A/ES-10/176-S/2002/617; A/ES-10/177-S/2002/641; A/ES-10/178-S/2002/650; A/ES-10/179-S/2002/654; A/ES-10/180-S/2002/686; A/ES-10/181-S/2002/697; A/ES-10/182-S/2002/699; A/ES-10/183-S/2002/717; A/ES-10/184-S/2002/738; A/ES-10/185-S/2002/827; A/ES-10/190-S/2002/891;

A/ES-10/192-S/2002/976; A/ES-10/193-S/2002/983; A/ES-10/194-S/2002/1052; A/ES-10/195-S/2002/1066; A/ES-10/196-S/2002/1083; A/ES-10/197-S/2002/1094 and A/ES-10/198-S/2002/1104), it is my regret to inform you that, since my last letter to you, at least 21 Palestinians, including children, have been killed by Israeli occupying forces, raising the total number of Palestinian martyrs killed since 28 September 2000 to 1,855. (The names of the martyrs that have been identified thus far are contained in the annex to the present letter.)

I would be grateful if you would arrange to have the present letter and its annex distributed as an official document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

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Annex to the identical letters dated 7 October 2002 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Names of martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem* (Thursday, 3 October, through Monday, 7 October 2002)

Thursday, 3 October 2002

Ahmed Hassan Akhlail Astiti

Friday, 4 October 2002

Mohamed Ali Najeeb Zaid Al-Kilany (17 years old)

Saturday, 5 October 2002

Ama'ar Jamal Mohammed Hisham Rajab (15 years old)

Sunday, 6 October 2002

1. Samy Mohammed Jlamaneh Al-Noursi (19 years old)
2. Hany Yussef Mustafa
3. Tawfiq Yussef Hamarsheh (from sustained wounds)
4. Nasser Sufian Abed Gheith (17 years old)

Monday, 7 October 2002

1. Fhab Hilmy Khalaf
2. Jamal Fathi Barbakh Muhareb (17 years old)
3. Osama Mohammed Abedain
4. Haytham Moussa Abu Al-Najaa'
5. Ahmed Abdel Ra'aouf Al-Astal
6. Ayman Mohammed Ahmed Saqr
7. Mohammed Hussein Hashem Al-Astal (14 years old)
8. Abdallah Walid Shaba'an Sabah (17 years old)
9. Nidal Kifah Brbakh (17 years old)
10. Mohammed Mustafa Sadeq
11. Fares Al-Zarqouq (17 years old)
12. Mohamed Farahat Shluleh
13. Abdel Fatah Ali Sloot
14. Rahmeh Hasan Salameh Abu Shmaleh

* The total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 is 1,855.